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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroyasu FUJINAKA et al.

Serial No.: 09/986,271

Group Art Unit: 3745

Filed: November 8, 2001

Examiner: Christopher M. Verdier

For: BLOWER AND METHOD FOR MOLDING HOUSING THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT
OR CREDIT FEES TO
DEP. ACCT. 16-0331
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2003, applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, species VI (Figs. 27-31) for initial examination in this application. Claims 20-24 read on the elected species and no claims are generic to all species outlined in the Office Action.

Applicants traverse the election requirement since all of species I-VI are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for species VI should necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for species I-V.

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Search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and unnecessary duplicative examination by the USPTO.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirement and examination of all species herein are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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